

REMARKS

Claims 1-13, 17 and 18 are pending. Claims 1-3, 17 and 18 are amended.

Examiner Talbot is thanked for the courtesies extended to the undersigned attorney during the telephone interview conducted on September 29, 2005, as well as the informal telephone discussion conducted on October 19, 2005. Applicants' separate record of the substance of those interviews is incorporated into the following discussion.

The claims have been amended to emphasize that in the forming step at least one conductor layer directly adheres with at least one of the thermoplastic polyimide surfaces to obtain a laminate. Furthermore, the claims have been amended to emphasize that the heating step is conducted separately and that the heating step is performed after the laminate has been obtained so that the adhesion strength between the thermoplastic polyimide and the conductor layer is enhanced.

It is respectfully submitted that the amended claims clearly distinguish over the cited art in that the art does not teach or suggest heating a laminate after the laminate is formed so that the adhesion strength between the thermoplastic polyimide and the conductor layer is enhanced. Furthermore, the cited art does not suggest the unexpected results as reported in the previously filed declaration.

For at least the foregoing reasons, the claimed invention distinguishes over the cited art and defines patentable subject matter. Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

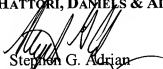
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Should the Examiner deem that any further action by applicants would be desirable to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' undersigned attorney.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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